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SUBJECT: SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CHARTER

1. AT MARCH 10 AM MEETING OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE, YUGOSLAVIA, USSR, BELGIUM, FRG, EGYPT AND ROMANIA SPOKE ON RATIONALIZATION OF EXISTING PROCEDURES. MOST SPEAKERS MADE SPECIFIC COMMENTS ON WORKING PAPERS SUBMITTED BY MEXICO (WG/3), ROMANIA (WG/13), UK (WG/14), FRANCE (WG/15) AND EGYPT (WG/16).

2. YUGOSLAVIA SUPPORTED MEXICAN PROPOSALS FOR APPOINTMENT OF SENIOR LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES TO SUBSIDIARY BODIES, MORE EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF PROFESSIONAL AND SENIOR LEVEL POSTS WITHIN THE SECRETARIATS, CREATION OF MACHINERY TO SUPERVISE IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS OF PRINCIPLE UN ORGANS. YUGOSLAVIA CONSIDERED, AS USEFUL, ROMANIAN PROPOSALS ON HOLDING MEETINGS AWAY FROM HEADQUARTERS, EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF SEATS IN ALL UN ORGANS, IMPROVED WORKING METHODS OF SECRETARIAT AND REDUCTION OF STAFF AND EXPENDITURE OF ORGANIZATION. YUGOSLAVIA SUPPORTED UK, FRENCH AND EGYPTIAN PROPOSALS; EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS TO FRENCH PROPOSALS ON VOTING.

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3. USSR CALLED FOR IMPROVED FUNCTIONING OF RULES OF PROCEDURE, ELIMINATION OF DUPLICATION AND PARALLELISM OF WORK (MOST ISSUES CONSIDERED AT SEVERAL LEVELS FROM FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE OR COMMISSION TO GA PLENARY, SUCH CONSIDERATION ENTAILED DISPERSION OF ENERGIES). USSR CALLED FOR PREVENTION OF PROLIFERATION OF NEW BODIES,

FAVORED RESTRUCTURING IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS IN STRICT ACCORDANCE WITH CHARTER, FAVORED RATIONALIZATION OF SECRETARIAT RESOURCES AND NOT GROWTH OF UN BUDGET OR SUBDIVISIONS OR INCREASE IN STAFF. USSR CALLED FOR DISTRIBUTION OF POSTS WITHIN SECRETARIAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRINCIPLE OF EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION, NOTED CERTAIN GROUP OF STATES HAD, AT ASYG LEVEL, AS MANY POSTS AS THE SOCIALIST AND DEV'G COUNTRIES TOGETHER. WITHIN SECRETARIAT, USSR CALLED FOR IMPROVED GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF POSTS, REDUCTION OF NUMBER OF SPECIALISTS FROM OVERLY REPRESENTED COUNTRIES, REDUCTION OF PERMANENT CONTRACTS AND INCREASE IN FIXED TERM CONTRACTS, RETIREMENT AT PENSION LEVEL AGE.

4. FRG AGREED WITH AIMS AND PURPOSES OF MEXICAN PROPOSAL BUT EXPRESSED DOUBTS ON MECHANICAL APPROACH IN MEXICAN PAPER; SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY OF GENERAL COMMITTEE BEGINNING ITS WORK EARLIER AND OF CONTINUING MANDATE OF PREVIOUS GA'S GENERAL COMMITTEE. FRG SAID THERE WAS MERIT IN US PROPOSAL ON APPOINTING AS COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN ONLY THOSE CANDIDATES WITH PRIOR COMMITTEE EXPERIENCE; CONSIDERED ASPECTS OF ROMANIAN PROPOSALS WERE IN CONFLICT WITH EACH OTHER; GENERALLY AGREED WITH AND SUPPORTED UK PROPOSALS; ON FRENCH PROPOSAL, AGREED THAT NO RESOLUTION SHOULD BE ADOPTED IF THE COMBINED ABSTENTIONS AND NEGATIVE VOTES WERE GREATER THAN THE

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AFFIRMATIVE VOTES.

5. EGYPT INTRODUCED FOLLOWING PROPOSALS (WG/16):  
(A) IN ORDER TO COMBAT TENDENCY OF PROLIFERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS, GA AND ECOSOC SHOULD CONSIDER WAYS AND MEANS OF LIMITING NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS EVERY YEAR AND ELIMINATING AS MANY ITEMS AS POSSIBLE; (B) INTERVENTIONS SHOULD BE LIMITED TO 20 MINUTES; (C) VICE-CHAIRMEN SHOULD BE ENTRUSTED WITH CO-ORDINATION OF INFORMAL NEGOTIATIONS AND CONSULTATIONS (E.G., COMMITTEE 2); (D) RESOLUTIONS SHOULD BE SHORTER AND MORE CONCISE AND THE PROLIFERATION AND REPETITION OF RESOLUTIONS SHOULD BE COMBATTED; (E) MEETINGS SHOULD START ON TIME, CANCELLATIONS SHOULD BE PREVENTED AND GREATER RESPECT SHOULD BE PAID TO ORGANIZATION OF WORK; (F) MODERATION IN NUMBER OF REPORTS TO BE PREPARED BY SECRETARIAT; (G) SUGGESTED REVIEW OF FORMAT AND CONTENT OF DOCUMENTATION, TIMELY DISTRIBUTION, ATTEMPT TO COMBAT PROLIFERATION OF UNNECESSARY DOCUMENTATION AND IMPROVED STANDARD AND QUALITY OF INTERPRETATION; (H) MAXIMUM ATTENTION SHOULD BE PAID TO INFORMAL NEGOTIATIONS AND CONSULTATIONS AND THERE SHOULD BE

IMPROVEMENT OF THE STANDARD AND QUALITY OF INTERPRETATION AND; (I) MORE EQUITABLE BALANCE, WITHIN SECRETARIAT, BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES PARTICULARLY AT HIGHER LEVEL POSTS.

6. BELGIUM EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR US STATEMENT ON SECRETARIAT THAT COMPETENCE RATHER THAN STRICT GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION WAS MOST IMPORTANT; NOTED CONTRADICTIONS WITHIN ROMANIAN WORKING PAPER; SUPPORTED UK, FRENCH AND MOST OF EGYPTIAN PROPOSALS; COMMENTED ON THE PROLIFERATION OF MEETINGS AND CONSIDERED THAT DURATION OF SESSIONS WERE OFTEN EXCESSIVE.

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7. INFORMAL NEGOTIATING GROUP MET IN PM OF MARCH 20 AND CONTINUED INDISCRIMINATE MECHANICAL LISTING OF PROPOSALS BEFORE COMMITTEE ON PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES.

8. SPECIAL COMMITTEE WILL MEET AT 3 PM ON MARCH 20, IF THERE IS TIME AFTER HEARING SPEAKERS ON RATIONALIZATION, MEETING OF INFORMAL GROUP WILL BE HELD.  
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